

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
JULY 9, 2013**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member David Prechtel	Absent

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. Two of the three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 25, 2013. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the minutes. Motion carried 2-0.

CLAIMS

Board members reviewed the claims from June 7, 2013 through July 4, 2013. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the claims as published. Motion carried 2-0.

BLOCK PARKING SPACES

Donna Buehler, owner of Just Whimsey, said the outside of the building is being painted. She asked permission to block off some parking spaces through Thursday of this week while they paint. Mayor Seitz said they began working on the outside of the building last week. He gave them permission to continue as long as they keep neighboring businesses informed of their work. He also asked Buehler to come to this meeting.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit the intrusion around the building be allowed through Thursday. Motion carried 2-0.

BLOCK PARKING SPACES

Mayor Seitz said the Strassenfest committee wants to park a flatbed trailer on the northeast quadrant of the Square so they can load and unload the material for the main and west stages. They will be blocking parking spaces from July 21 to July 25 and from August 5 until they are finished removing the stages.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit them to do so again this year. Motion carried 2-0.

ROJAC AGREEMENT

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said the common council approved an appropriation of \$200,000 to be paid to ROJAC as a contribution toward the redevelopment of the German American Bank Boulevard Area. As part of that appropriation process, she was tasked with determining the appropriate avenue through which the City could make its contribution. After review of the existing agreement, procedures, etc., she drafted an agreement entitled "Property Redevelopment Agreement." She said this agreement discusses the Boulevard Project; it also identifies responsibilities for which the City may call on ROJAC, and it discusses the procedure to be in place for any future projects. This agreement has been vetted by outside counsel to ensure that the agreement will pass muster with respect to State Board of Account concerns. The agreement has been approved and signed by ROJAC. This agreement will replace the 2004 agreement between ROJAC and the City regarding the Riverwalk/Depot/Mill area. Kabrick then asked the Board to approve the agreement between the City of Jasper and ROJAC.

Mayor Seitz so moved. Timothy Bell seconded the motion and the motion carried 2-0.

HIRE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said the fire department currently has thirty-six members and they are allowed to have forty members. He asked permission to revisit the pool of applicants.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit Chief Hochgesang to revisit the pool of applicants. Motion carried 2-0.

VESTS

Assistant Police Chief Nathan Schmitt presented the following quotes for three ballistic vests:

\$1910.10	Galls
\$1887.00	Ray O'Herron Co
No quote	Steven R Jenkins

Schmitt recommended accepting the low quote.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the low quote submitted by Ray O'Herron Co. Inc for \$1887.00. Motion carried 2-0.

STREET CLOSINGS

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle asked permission to close two different streets as needed in order to make storm sewer repairs. The first closure is on 44th Street between Downey Street and Covington Lane. The second closure is for Circle Pine Drive, north of 5th Street.

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the street closing of 44th Street between Downey Street and Covington Lane and the closing of Circle Pine Drive, north of 5th Street for storm sewer repairs. Motion carried 2-0.

DEMOTTE'S FIRST ADDITION

Phil Buehler with Brosmer Land Surveying presented a plat for the subdivision known as DeMotte's First Addition. Buehler said it is a two-lot subdivision consisting of approximately five acres of land that was part of Silver Springs III.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to adopt the plat for DeMotte's First Addition. Motion carried 2-0.

ENCROACHMENT REQUEST

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented an encroachment request from John and Anna Collins. Playground equipment is located between a public utility and drainage easement on Lots 26 and 27 in Country Club Estates. The equipment was at this location before the Collinses owned this property. A new sewer and gas easement is being obtained for the installation of a sanitary sewer line for Alpine Enterprises.

Referring to comments from the City departments, Hurm said the gas department commented that having the playground equipment there will make it more difficult to get in the easement to work if the need arises. Hurm responded that the equipment could be removed.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the encroachment. Motion carried 2-0.

The city attorney was instructed to draft an encroachment agreement.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 2-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 23rd day of July, 2013.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer